



#18
9nd

PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 04585/044001

Certificate of Mailing: Date of Deposit: March 11, 2002

I hereby certify under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as **first class mail** with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

ROSELYNN D. SCARFO
Printed name of person mailing correspondence

Roselynn D Scarfo
Signature of person mailing correspondence

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Marchionni et al.	Art Unit:	1644
Serial No.:	09/298,121	Examiner:	Nolan, P. J.
Filed:	April 23, 1999	Customer No.:	21559
Title:	METHOD FOR TREATING CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE		

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

MAR 26 2002

RECEIVED

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed in the above-captioned case on October 9, 2001, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Summary of the Invention

The invention features methods for treating or preventing congestive heart failure by administering to a mammal a polypeptide encoded by a neuregulin gene that includes an epidermal growth factor-like (EGF-like) domain.